

Sun 1st April
10.00am Easter Festival Eucharist
Mon 2nd April

Tues 3rd April
8.30 am Morning prayer at St Benedict's
Weds 4th April
09.00am Morning prayer with ACBC at
St Benedict's
10.00am Holy Communion & Coffee
11.00am St Benedict's Cafe

Thurs 5th April
8.30am No morning prayer
2 – 3.30 pm No Craft & Coffee

Fri 6th April
Sat 7th April
Sun 8th April
10.00am Holy Communion
11.30am Thirty Minute Church
Tues 10th April
1pm Funeral of Gwen Prescott in Church

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1st April 2018

Easter Sunday



A warm welcome to our services at St Benedict's from the Ministry team, church officers and the entire congregation, especially if this is your first time with us. Please do join us if you can, for a coffee or tea and biscuits following the main Sunday morning service.

Rotas: 8th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sides people : Keith & Juliette Dunkley
Readers: Liz Hodges
Intercessions: Paula Swain
Offertory: Geoff Brown, Joy Brown
Chalice: Pradeep Anthony, Joy Brown
Counting: Marion Angus, Geoffrey Brown
Coffee: Julie Creasey, Nigel Evans
Servers: Nigel Evans, Catherine Galvin
Jnr church: 30 Minute Church
Church Cleaning: Jill & Annette

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Annette Bashford, Jill Enstone
Debbie Bartlett, Anne England
Catherine Galvin
Diana Dale, Geoffrey Brown
Catherine Galvin, Lesley Flood
Richard Warr, Chris Newton
Eileen Daley, Geoffrey Brown
Norman Critchlow, Ken Fitzhugh
Connie, Paul
Trish & Onyi



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

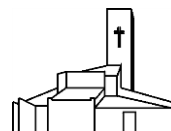
Sat 14th Apr Stations of the Resurrection
Sun 22nd April 11.30am APCM
Sun May 6th 6.30 pm Healing service
Thurs 10th May 7.00am & 12 Noon
Ascension day service

Sat 12th / Sun 13th May Flower Festival-
theme Peace
Sat 30th June 7.30pm St Benedict's Soiree
Sun 17th June 10.45 Shared worship at
TRMC
Sun July 8th Barbecue following 30 minute
Church for St Benedict's Day.
Sun 15th July 6.30 pm Shared evening
worship for St Benedict's Patronal Festival
Sun 21st Oct 10.45 Shared worship ACBC

Alleluia Christ is risen

Especially after a long cold winter such as we have just had (although thankfully as I write the threat of yet more snow seems to have been lifted) there is something uplifting to hear the birds begin to sing again and the early flowers poke their heads above the ground. And living, as we do, far up in the northern hemisphere where Easter comes as nature is once again blessed with new life, it is tempting to think that what we celebrate today is part of that natural cycle of death and birth. If that were so then it would be a short-lived celebration, turned again to sadness as the year turns, or illness strikes, or when the next outrage of human violence brings death into the midst of life. The Resurrection of Jesus goes far beyond that natural cycle; rather it breaks that cycle apart, bringing life out of death and hope out of the grave. This is a new creation, a new beginning, a promise of the day when, as St Paul tells us all creation will be set free from decay. Today Christ is risen and the whole created order is made new. Indeed might we say: **Alleluia**

Anne



Our mission is to encourage the people of the parish to worship God in a loving, caring environment and help them to find faith and fulfilment in Jesus